June 17, 1975

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letters of May 14 and 29, 1975.

We regret the delay in responding to your requests, which has been caused both by the scope of those requests and the increase in work on the Warren Commission records. The copies of records you requested are being sent to you separately. Mr. Lesar's request in your behalf was answered by our letter to him of May 28, 1975.

Commission Documents 451 and 651 were withheld from research at the request of the FBI, and the Coleman/Slawson memorandum of June 24, 1964, concerning Nosenko was withheld at the request of the CIA. As we do not have the other information you request, you may wish to consult those agencies.

Included in the copies of records we are sending you are copies of Commission Document 434 and a page from the Oswald-Ruby chronology relating to Nosenko. The executive session transcript of June 23, 1964; a letter of March 6, 1964, from J. Lee Rankin to Richard Helms; the transmittal letter for CD 434; and Commission memoranda dated March 9 and 12, July 15 and 23, and the deleted first paragraph of the memorandum of W. David Slawson to J. Lee Rankin dated August 22, 1964, are withheld from research under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (5). We are not aware of any CIA documents, tapes or transcripts of interviews with Nosenko or other defectors, or additional Commission internal papers relating to Nosenko or other defectors among the Commission's records.

Sincerely,

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